



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Resolution 07-01

***W**HEREAS the Washington State Board of Health was established by the Washington State Constitution in 1889;*

***W**HEREAS the Board provides a forum for the development of public health policy in Washington State;*

***W**HEREAS the Board is empowered to hold hearings and explore ways to improve the health status of the people of the state;*

***W**HEREAS Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Kim Marie Thorburn, M.D., M.P.H. to the Board in July 2005 at the recommendation of the local health officers and the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials;*

***W**HEREAS Governor Gregoire also asked Dr. Thorburn to serve as Chair of the Board, which she did through November 2006;*

***W**HEREAS Dr. Thorburn was the health officer and director of the Spokane Regional Health District from 1997 through 2006 and during that time provided leadership on numerous public health issues in her local community and statewide;*

***W**HEREAS, during her tenure with the Board, Dr. Thorburn sponsored the development of several Board rules, including HIV name retention, newborn screening and school immunizations, and oversaw policy initiatives such as the development of criteria for evaluating whether to require immunizations against a particular disease as a condition of child care or school entry;*

***W**HEREAS Dr. Thorburn demonstrated an uncompromising commitment to social justice through her tireless efforts to address health disparities and improve access to care for all people in Washington;*

***W**HEREAS Dr. Thorburn led the Board with strength, clarity, professionalism, passion and an incredible sense of fairness and equity;*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board recognizes and thanks Dr. Kim Marie Thorburn her dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of Washington State by working to assure the public health as a member and chair of the Washington State Board of Health.*

Mike Shelton, Acting Chair